

In Your Neighbourhood



Elections October 20

In October, Victoria will be holding a Municipal Election along with all other municipalities in BC. General Voting Day is on Saturday, October 20, 2018 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Learn more about what you need to bring, advance voting opportunities, Mayoral and Council candidates and more at www.victoria.ca/election

Crystal Pool and Wellness Centre Replacement Project – Initial Parking Alternatives Review

Earlier this year, Council committed to a no net loss of park space in Central Park and directed staff to explore alternatives for parking associated with the new recreation centre. Council approved funding to support further investigations for underground parking in Central Park and/or modular parking on the Save-on-Foods Memorial Area parking lot. In addition, staff will also consult with stakeholders and residents from the North Park neighbourhood on the neighbourhood street parking options associated with a distributed parking approach. [Learn more here.](#)

Summit Park Engagement

Summit Park is a 4.48 hectare community park with the largest remaining stand of Garry oak ecosystems in the City of Victoria. The small playground at Summit Park was installed in 1975, and will be replaced next year. Share your feedback about this playground renewal by [filling in a survey between October 5 and October 26](#). Your feedback will help us determine what kinds of play equipment would be most well-used in this playground.

Proposed Inclusionary Housing and Density Bonus Policy

Council approved an amended draft policy to encourage affordable rental housing in new strata housing development projects where bonus density is requested. Staff will conduct further consultation with stakeholders to inform further revisions to the policy. New affordable housing targets and levels of affordability based on most recent available information will be updated in the Victoria Housing Strategy. The draft policy will take effect no later than March 31, 2019. Staff will report back to Council within 12 months following adoption of the policy with information on impacts to new development, benefits the community has received, and recommendations for revisions to the policy. [Learn more here.](#)

Centennial Square Engagement

Throughout September a stakeholder working group participated in an “Ideas Jam” workshop and open house event for improving Centennial Square. Common themes identified by the community through early engagement in July included how to make the Square feel more welcoming and safe, family friendly, and a desire to see more year-round activity and programming. These themes were explored with a design team and resulted in some emerging ideas. Check out some of the ideas and let us know what you think! Written feedback, questions and ideas can be submitted to engage@victoria.ca from now until

November 1st. The feedback will inform refined concept options, and a draft preferred concept, programming recommendations and priorities that will be shared with the community in late 2018 for further input. A draft action plan for Centennial Square will be considered by Council in early 2019. For more information, visit the project webpage www.victoria.ca/CentennialSquare



Council Meetings

Committee of the Whole meets October 4th, at 9am. Council meets October 4th, beginning at 6:30pm. Residents can attend both meetings or watch them [here](#)